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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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Plaintiff and Judgment-Creditor,

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DARLENE RITTER,

Defendant and Judgment-Debtor,

and

BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.,

Garnishee.

Plaintiff United States of America (the "United States" or the "Government")
having filed an application for a Writ of Garnishment; Bowery Residents Commitee, Inc. (the
"Garnishee") having filed an answer; the defendant Darlene Ritter (the "defendant") having
failed to file any response to the Government's application or the Garnishee's answer; the time
for the defendant to appear or file any objections with respect to the Writ of Garnishment having
expired; it is hereby

ORDER OF GARNISHMENT

10 CR 0950-01 (TPG)

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Garnishee shall pay the United States twenty-five (25) percent of the defendant's disposable earnings, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1673, and continue such payments until the debt to the Government is paid in full or until the Garnishee no longer has custody, possession or control of any property belonging to the defendant or until further order of this Court. Payment should be made to the "Clerk of the Court," and mailed to the United States District Court, 500 Pearl Street, Room 120, New York, New York 10007, Attn: Cashier.

Dated: New York, New York July 26 , 2022

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

OF ORDER

Plaintiff and

Judgment-Creditor,

10 CR 0950-01 (TPG)

- V.-

DARLENE RITTER,

Defendant and Judgment-Debtor,

and

BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Local Rule 77.1 of the Civil Rules of this Court, a proposed Order, a copy of which is annexed hereto, will be presented to the Clerk of the Court States District Court, Southern District of New York, in the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007 for submission to the Court, on July 27, 2022.

Dated: New York, New York
July '20, , 2022

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To: Darlene Ritter

14310 Farmers Blvd Jamaica, NY 11434

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUR	T
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW Y	ORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

DECLARATION

Plaintiff and

10 CR 0950-01 (TPG)

Judgment-Creditor,

- V.-

DARLENE RITTER,

Defendant and Judgment-Debtor,

and

BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.,

Garnishee.

John E. Gura, Jr. pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares the following under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the office of Geoffrey S. Berman, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, attorney for plaintiff United States of America (the "United States" or the "Government"). I am in charge of the prosecution of this case, and I am familiar with the matters set forth herein. The information contained in this declaration was obtained from the records and files of the United States Attorney's Office.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of the Government's proposed Order of Garnishment in this case.

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- 3. On or about February 12, 2000, the Government filed an Application for a Writ of Garnishment of the defendant's wages, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §3205(b)(1) (the "Application").
- 4. The Court granted the Government's Application and issued a Writ of Garnishment (the "Writ") directing that Bowery Residents Committee, Inc. (the "Garnishee") file an answer to the Writ and withhold and retain any property in which the defendant has a substantial nonexempt interest. A copy of the Writ is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5. On February 26, 2020, the Government served the Garnishee and the defendant with a copy of the Application, the Writ, the Notice of Garnishment and Instructions to Garnishee, the Notice of Garnishment and Instructions to Defendant, and the Clerk's Notice of Post-Judgment Garnishment (the "Clerk's Notice") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3205(c)(3).
- 6. The Clerk's Notice, inter alia, informed the Garnishee and the defendant that: (i) the Writ directed the withholding of up to 25 percent of the defendant's disposable earnings pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1673; (ii) disposable earnings are defined, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1672, as that part of the defendant's earnings remaining after the deduction from those earnings any amounts that are required by law to be withheld (i.e., taxes, social security and unemployment insurance, but not deductions for union dues, insurance plans, etc.); and (iii) the defendant has a right to request a hearing pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3205(c)(5). A copy of the Clerk's Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 7. The Notice of Garnishment and Instructions to Defendant notified the defendant that unless, within twenty days from the date of receipt of the answer of the Garnishee, the defendant filed a written objection the answer, a court order would be entered attaching the defendant's funds or property and that the funds would be applied against the judgment owed the

Government. A copy of the Notice of Garnishment and Instructions to Defendant is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

8. On or about 7/1/2022, the Garnishee served and filed an answer, and stated that the defendant was employed by Bowery Residents Committee, Inc., and that the defendant's weekly wages were as follows:

Gross pay	\$1,330.62	
Federal income Tax	\$ 173.95	
City and State and other Tax	\$ 94.61	
Total Tax withholdings	\$ 268.56	
Net Wages	\$1,062.06	

A copy of the Garnishee's answer is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

9. The defendant has not responded to the Government's request that the defendant make voluntary payments toward the debt. The defendant has not filed a written objection to the answer nor requested a hearing pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3205(c)(5), and the time for the defendant to object or request a hearing has expired.

WHEREFORE, your declarant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order directing the Garnishee to pay to the Government twenty-five percent of the defendant's disposable earnings, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1672, and continue such payments until the debt to the Government is paid in full, or until the Garnishee no longer has custody, possession or control of any property belonging to the defendant, or until further order of this Court.

Dated: New York, New York
July ZO , 2022

JOHN E. GURA, X

Assistant United States Attorney



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PART I

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : WRIT OF GARNISHMENT

Plaintiff and : 10 CR 0950-01 (TPG)

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BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.,

Garnishee.

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GREETINGS TO: BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.

131 W 25th Street, 12th Fl New York, NY 10001 Attn: Payroll Department

An application for a Writ of Garnishment against the property of defendant

Darlene Ritter, (the "debtor"), whose last known address is 14310 Farmers Blvd, Jamaica, NY

11434, has been filed with this Court. On November 2, 2011, a judgment arising out of an order

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of restitution was entered against the debtor in the amount of \$1,471,975.00. The balance due on the judgment as of February 10, 2020, is \$1,470,479.19.

You are required by law to withhold and retain any property in which the debtor has a substantial nonexempt interest and for which you have or may become indebted to the debtor pending further order of the Court. You are required by law to file a written answer, under oath, within ten (10) days of service of this writ stating whether or not you have in your custody, control or possession, any property owned by the debtor, including nonexempt, disposable earnings. Please state whether or not you anticipate making any future payments to the debtor and whether such payments will likely be weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

You must file the original answer to this writ with the Clerk of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, Attn: Arraignment Unit Room 520. Additionally, you are required to serve a copy of the answer upon the debtor Darlene Ritter, at 14310 Farmers Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11434, and upon Assistant United States Attorney John E. Gura, Jr., United States Attorney's Office, 86 Chambers Street, New York, New York 10007.

There may be property which is exempt by law from this writ of garnishment.

Property which is exempt and which is not subject to this writ is listed on the annexed Notice from the Clerk of the United States District Court.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1674, as Garnishee, you are prohibited from discharging the debtor from employment by reason of the fact that the debtor's earnings have been subject to garnishment.

If you fail to answer this writ or withhold property in accordance therewith, the United States of America may petition the Court for an order directing you to appear before the court to show good cause why you failed to comply with this writ. If you fail to appear or do

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'appear and fail to show good cause why you failed to comply with the writ, the court shall enter a judgment against you for the value of the debtor's nonexempt interest in the property.

It is unlawful to pay or deliver to the debtor any items attached by this writ.

Dated: New York, New York

So Ordered:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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GEOFFREY S. BERMAN United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York By: JOHN E. GURA, JR Assistant United States Attorney 86 Chambers Street New York, New York 10007 Telephone No.: (212) 637-2712 Fax No.: (212) 637-2717 john.gura@usdoj.gov

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Judgment-Creditor,

DARLENE RITTER,

Defendant and Judgment-Debtor,

and

BOWERY RESIDENTS COMMITEE, INC.,

Garnishee.

States Government (the "Government"), which has a judgment against you in the abovecaptioned action in the sum of \$1,471,975.00, arising from an order of restitution. A balance of \$1,470,479.19 remains outstanding as of February 10, 2020.

In addition, you are hereby notified that there are exemptions under the law which may protect some of this property from being taken by the Government if you can show that the

CLERK'S NOTICE OF POST-JUDGMENT **GARNISHMENT**

10 CR 0950-01 (TPG)

You are hereby notified that non-exempt earnings are being taken by the United

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exemptions apply. Attached is a summary of the major exemptions which apply in most situations under federal law.

If you are Darlene Ritter and you disagree with the reason the Government gives for taking your property now, or if you think you do not owe the money to the Government that it says you do, or if you think the property the Government is taking qualifies under one of the exemptions, you have a right to ask the Court to return your property to you.

If you want a hearing, you must promptly notify the court. You must make your request in writing, and either mail it or deliver it in person to the Clerk of the Court at the United States District Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007. If you wish, you may use this notice to request the hearing by checking the box at the end of this notice and mailing this notice to the Clerk of the Court. You must also send a copy of your request to John E. Gura, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office, 86 Chambers Street, New York, New York 10007, so the Government will know you want a hearing. The hearing will take place within five days after the Clerk receives your request, if you ask for it to take place that quickly, or as soon after that as possible. At the hearing you may explain to the judge why you think you do not owe the money to the Government, why you disagree with the reason the Government says it must take your property at this time, or why you believe the property the Government has taken is exempt or belongs to someone else. You may make any or all of these explanations as you see fit.

If you think you live outside the Federal judicial district in which the court is located, you may request, not later than 20 days after you receive this notice, that this proceeding to take your property be transferred by the court to the Federal judicial district in which you reside. You must make your request in writing, and either mail it or deliver it in person to the Clerk of the Court at the United States District Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, New York, New

York 10007. You must also send a copy of your request to the Government at the United States Attorney's Office, 86 Chambers Street, New York, New York 10007 Attn: John E. Gura, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, so the Government will know you want the proceeding to be transferred.

Be sure to keep a copy of this notice for your own records. If you have any questions about your rights or about this procedure, you should contact a lawyer, an office of public legal assistance, or the Clerk of the Court. The Clerk is not permitted to give legal advice, but can refer you to other sources of information.

CLERK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

I/we request a hearing	
Clerk's Office United States District Court 500 Pearl Street New York, New York .10007	·
Date:	
	Defendant and Judgment-Debtor
	Telephone

CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FORM EXEMPTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW (18 U.S.C. § 3613)

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NOTE: 18 U.S.C. § 3613(a), the federal statute governing liens arising from criminal fines and restitution obligations, generally incorporates the exemptions available to individual taxpayers under the Internal Revenue Service Code.

taxpayers under the internal Revenue Service Code.
I claim that the exemption(s) from enforcement which are checked below apply in this
case:
1. Wearing apparel and school books Such items of wearing apparel and such school books as are necessary for the debtor or for members of his family.
2. Fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects So much of the fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects in the Debtor's household, and of the arms for personal use, livestock, and poultry of the debtor, as does not exceed \$9,690 in value.
3. Books and tools of a trade, business, or profession So many of the books, and tools necessary for the trade, business, or profession of the debtor as do not exceed in the aggregate \$4,850 in value.
4. Unemployment benefits Any amount payable to an individual with respect to his unemployment (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under an unemployment compensation law of the United States, of any State, or of the District of Columbia or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
5. Undelivered mail Mail, addressed to any person, which has not been delivered to the addressee.
6. Certain annuity and pension payments Annuity or pension payments under the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, special pension payments received by a person whose name has been entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor roll (38 U.S.C. 1562), and annuities based on retired or retainer pay under Chapter 73 of Title 10 of United States Code.

- 7. Workmen's Compensation. Any amount payable with respect to compensation (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under a workmen's compensation law of the United States, any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- 8. Judgments for support of minor children. If the debtor is required by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, entered prior to the date of levy, to contribute to the support of his minor children, so much of his salary, wages, or other income as is necessary to comply with such judgment.

- 9. Certain service-connected disability payments. Any amount payable to an individual as a service-connected (within the meaning of section 101(16) of Title 38, United States Code) disability benefit under- (A) subchapter II, III, IV, V, or VI of Chapter 11 of such Title 38 or (B) Chapter 13, 21, 23, 31, 32, 34, 35,37, or 39 of such Title 38.
- 10. Assistance under Job Training Partnership Act. Any amount payable to a participant under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) from funds appropriated pursuant to such Act.
- 11. Minimum exemptions for wages, salary and other income. The exemptions under 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(9) do not apply in criminal cases. The exceptions under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1673, for disposable earnings, automatically apply and do not need to be claimed. The aggregate disposable earnings of an individual for any workweek which is subjected to garnishment may not exceed (1) 25 % of his disposable earnings for that week, or (2) the amount by which his disposable earnings for that week exceed thirty times the Federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable, whichever is less.

Restrictions on Garnishment (15 U.S.C. § 1673)

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The portion of your weekly earnings subjected to garnishment cannot be greater than 25% of your weekly disposable (i.e., after withholding) earnings OR the amount by which your disposable weekly earnings exceed \$217.50, whichever is less.

The statements made in this claim of exemptions and request for hearing as to exemption entitlement and fair market value of the property designated are made and declared under penalty of perjury that they are true and correct.

I hereby request a court h hearing should be given t	earing to decide the validity of my claims. o me by mail at the following address:	Notice of the
Telephone Number:		
Cell phone Number:		
	Debtor's printed or typed name	
	Signature of debtor	
	Date	

IMPORTANT STATEMENT

This wage garnishment directs the withholding of up to 25 percent of the judgment-debtor's disposable income. In certain cases, however, federal law does not permit the withholding of that much of the debtor's disposable income. The judgment debtor is referred to Title 15 of the United States Code § 1671, et seq.

I. Limitations on the amount that can be withheld

- A. If judgment-debtor's weekly disposable earnings are less than thirty (30) times the current federal minimum wage (\$7.25 per hour), or \$217.50, no deduction can be made under this wage garnishment.
- B. A judgment-debtor's weekly disposable earnings cannot be reduced below the amount arrived at by multiplying thirty (30) times the current federal minimum wage (\$7.25 per hour), or \$217.50 under this wage garnishment.
- C. If deductions are being made from a judgment-debtor's gross income under any orders for alimony, support or maintenance for family members or former spouses, and those deductions equal or exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the judgment-debtor's disposable earnings, no deductions can be made under this wage garnishment.
- D. If deductions are being made from a judgment-debtor's gross income under any orders for alimony, support or maintenance for family members or former spouses, and those deductions are less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the judgment-debtor's disposable earnings, deductions may be made under the wage garnishment. However, the amount arrived at by adding the deductions made under this wage garnishment to the deductions made under any orders for alimony, support or maintenance for family members or former spouses cannot exceed twenty-five (25%) of the judgment-debtor's disposable earnings.

NOTE: Nothing in this notice limits the proportion or amount which may be deducted under any order for alimony, support or maintenance for family members or former spouses.

II. Explanation of limitations

Definitions

Disposable Earnings - Disposable earnings are that part of an individual's earnings left after deducting those amounts that are required by law to be withheld (for example, taxes, social security and unemployment insurance, but not deductions for union dues, insurance plans, etc.).

Gross Income - Gross income is salary, wages or other income including any and all overtime earnings, commissions and income from trusts, before any deductions are made from such income.



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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Garnishment was issued based upon a judgment entered against you on November 2, 2011, and that the Garnishment was served on Bowery Residents Commitee, Inc. (the "Garnishee"), and it is believed that the Garnishee may have property of yours in its custody, possession or control.